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FOR CHARGE AND ALUSNA FROM AMBASSADOR

1. I HAVE NOTED REPORTING FROM CAIRO THAT SUGGESTS GOE
WILL REQUEST QUOTE CLEARED UNQUOTE MINE FIELD AND EXACTLY
WHAT THIS MEANS WILL HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED. I THINK IT
IMPORTANT YOU KEEP IN MIND THAT THERE IS A PAST HISTORY OF
DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. IN OUR PAST DISCUSSIONS IT
WAS CLEAR TO BOTH SIDES THAT US NAVY WOULD DO HELICOPTER
SWEEP, WHICH WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY EGYPTIAN NAVY DOING
WHATEVER FOLLOW-UP CLEARANCE OPERATION MIGHT BE NEEDED. WE
HAVE INDICATED THAT, IF NECESSARY, SOME TECHNICAL ASSIS-
TANCE COULD BE PROVIDED TO THE EGYPTIAN NAVY FOR ITS PART

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OF THE MISSION. THE ABOVE IS PRECISELY THE CONCEPT

FOLLOWED IN THE SUEZ CANAL OPERATION.

2. IN MY JUDGMENT, WE SHOULD STICK TO THIS CONCEPT AND NOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO BECOME INVOLVED IN OPERATIONS WHERE US MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE PLACED IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, E.G., DIVING. I WOULD EXPECT THAT THE EGYPTIAN NAVAL STAFF,

WHICH I KNOW FROM PAST TALKS, IS SKEPTICAL OF ITS ABILITY TO DO THE FOLLOW-UP CLEARANCE JOB MIGHT TRY TO GET US INVOLVED IN DOING MORE, BUT I THINK WE CAN AVOID THIS BY INDICATING OUR OPERATION MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE EARLIER SUEZ CANAL AGREEMENT AND WITH PAST PRACTICE. THIS IS A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE EGYPTIAN REQUEST AND WE SHOULD, IF NECESSARY, REMIND THEM OF THIS FACT. KISSINGER

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